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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 June 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| <p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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Drawings

Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hu 6,790,003.

Note the heat-dissipating fan device comprising a fan housing 1 having a base wall 10, and a surrounding wall 1 extending from the base wall, a circuit board 21 disposed in the fan housing and mounted on the base wall, a fan impeller mounted on the circuit board and rotatable about a central axis that is transverse to the circuit board, with the fan impeller being formed with a plurality of radial fan blades 20, and a plurality of light emitting diodes 3 surface-mounted on the

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circuit board and arranged around the fan impeller. The fan blades are made of a transparent material.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu 6,790,003 in view of Tang 6,741,042. Hu discloses a heat-dissipating fan substantially as claimed as set forth above, including a circuit board 21, but does not disclose a control unit mounted on the circuit board and coupled electrically to the light emitting diodes so as to control activation of the light emitting diodes, with the control unit being configured to control activation of the light emitting diodes in accordance with operating voltage from a power source.

Tang shows a light emitting device having a control unit 10 mounted on a circuit board 50 and coupled electrically to light emitting diodes 20 so as to control activation of the light emitting diodes, with the control unit being configured to control activation of the light emitting diodes in accordance with operating voltage from a power source (column 2, lines 18-30), for the purpose of forming a compact, integrated controlling assembly for the light emitting diodes.

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It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to form the fan of Hu such that a control unit is mounted on the circuit board and coupled electrically to the light emitting diodes so as to control activation of the light emitting diodes, with the control unit being configured to control activation of the light emitting diodes in accordance with operating voltage from a power source, as taught by Tang, for the purpose of forming a compact, integrated controlling assembly for the light emitting diodes.

Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tseng is cited to show a fan with light emitting diodes, a circuit board, and an integrated circuit control unit on the circuit board.

Blissett is cited to show a fan with light emitting diodes, an integrated circuit board, and a microcontroller.

Ridge is cited to show a lamp with an impeller, and light emitting diodes mounted on a base.

Huang is cited to show an impeller with light emitting diodes.

Lin is cited to show a fan housing with light emitting diodes mounted thereto.

Tsai and Willis are cited to show light emitting diodes with printed circuit boards and controllers thereon.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Verdier whose telephone number is (571) 272-4824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward K. Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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C.V.
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